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REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 61, 81 – 83 were pending in the application. Claims 1-60, and 62-80 were previously canceled. Claims 81-83 have been canceled in this amendment. Claim 61 has been amended. Claim 61 would be pending in the application if the instant amendment is entered.

I. REJECTION UNDER FIRST PARAGRAPH OF 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 61, 81-83 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly not being enabled for the claimed methods. The Office Action stated that while the compounds of Table A of the specification which exhibit 100-fold selectivity of TACE over MMP1 are enabled, that the specification did not reasonably provide enablement for any other compounds having the claimed hydroxamate structure.

Applicants assert that claim 61, as amended, is enabled under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claims 81-83 have been canceled and the enablement rejection is rendered moot as to those claims. Claim 61 has been amended to recite a Markush group of compounds that exhibit at least 100-fold selectivity of TACE over MMP1 as set out in Table A. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn. In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 734-622-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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